

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress 10 Year Fish & Wildlife Plan Ad Hoc Study Committee Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	08.24.2013	9:30 AM	Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center, Stevens Point
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## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chairman, Al Brown at 9:30 AM at Schmeckle Reserve Center, Stevens Point, WI
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### B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Al Brown, John Humpal, Michael Gullickson, James Thompson, Micheal Arrowood, Douglas Parrott, Staush Gruszynski, Rick Knutson, Jason Thomas, Don Liebmann, Barbara Eisenberg, Kurt Thiede
EXCUSED	Brian Heins, Eugene Muench
UNEXCUSED	Jerry Witkopf, Jake Walcisak, Jason Wood
GUESTS	Tara Bergeson - DNR

### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion to Approve the agenda as presented – Mike Arrowood, Second Jimm Dunn, Motion Carried.

### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Chairman Al Brown read the proposed draft Mission Statement of the WCC 10-year Fish and Wildlife Plan Ad Hoc Committee: <i>The mission of the 10-year Fish and Wildlife Plan Ad Hoc Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is to contribute to the process of updating the 10-year Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management Plan and the Wildlife Action Plan. In doing so, the committee will take into account the diversity, demographics, social demands and expectations of the citizens of the state. The committee will provide input on the proposed approach to updating the plans as well as the content and make recommendations to the WCC Executive Council.</i> Discussion ensued about holding off approval of committee mission statement wording until end of action items on agenda, due to amount of introductory material presented and the need to digest.
ACTION	Motion by Staush Gruszynski and second by Jason Thomas, to table approval of committee mission statement until end of committee information and action items. Motion carried.

### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	No Public Comments
ACTION	

## II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

### A. DEPARTMENT INFORMATION ITEMS AND BACKGROUND

**KURT THIEDE AND TARA BERGESON**

DISCUSSION	1. Background on Federal PR and SWG funding and their importance to funding conservation programs in WI – Kurt Thiede Kurt presented <b>The mission of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program</b> and discussed the programs cornerstones. He also discussed the <b>Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of</b>
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	<p><b>1937/ Pittman Robertson (PR)</b>, where the money goes and where the money comes from.</p> <p>2. Background on 10 Year Fish and Wildlife Plan – Tara Bergeson Tara explained how the plan provides specific direction to the DNR fish and wildlife conservation, management, and recreation related programs.</p> <p>3. Background on Wildlife Action Plan – Tara Bergeson Tara explained in order to receive state wildlife grant funding, the US congress requires every state and territory to implement a wildlife action plan. This is a primary tool for keeping fish and wild life healthy and off the list of federally threatened and endangered species.</p> <p>4. Proposed approach for public input on updating the 10 year Fish and Wildlife Plan and the Wildlife Action Plan – Tara Bergeson Tara presented proposed strategies for public input: 1) Use existing stakeholder groups to gather advice on outreach and issue identification. 2) Gather input at the local level. 3) Gather input from statewide stakeholder organizations. 4) Use technology to gather input from the public. 5) Informational item for the Natural Resources Board early in the process.</p> <p>5. Timelines – Kurt Thiede The following timeline was presented: Feedback on the Proposed Approach (August – December 2013) - Wisconsin Conservation Congress (Aug 24) - Secretary’s Roundtables (Sept &amp; Oct) - Sporting Heritage Council (Aug 27) - Natural Resources Foundation (TBD) - Other Focus Groups (TBD) Statewide Randomized Survey (Spring or Summer 2014???) Regional Public Forums (Summer 2014) Plan Drafting &amp; Review (Fall 2014) Natural Resources Board Review (January 2015) U.S. Fish &amp; Wildlife Service Initial Review (March 2015) Submit Final Plans (October 2015)</p> <p>Committee discussion and feedback on outreach proposal (Branding of the plan needs to happen. 10 Year Fish and Wildlife Committee could work with Public Relations and Outreach Committee on messaging strategy. More discussion at future meeting is needed on broad outreach and buy-in from the public.)</p> <p>6. WCC role and mechanism for WCC input into the 10 year plan (How can 10 Year Fish and Wildlife use the spring hearings and town hall style meetings to address this new plan? A goal could be set for 2015 WCC Convention for approval.</p>
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	
<b>DEADLINE</b>	

**B. MISSION STATEMENT REVISION**

**[PRESENTER]**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Much discussion ensued about changes to the committee mission statement.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Jason Thomas, second by Rick Knutson to approve the 10 Year Fish and Wildlife Ad Hoc Committee mission statement with modification of the language in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence of the statement to read: “In doing so, the committee will take into account the [purpose of the fund(PR, SFR, SWF), user input and the] diversity, demographics, social demands and expectations of the citizens of the state.” Motion Carried
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	
<b>DEADLINE</b>	

**C. NEXT MEETING OF THE WCC 10 YEAR FISH AND WILDLIFE AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**[PRESENTER]**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Committee agreed to hold next committee meeting on Saturday, February 1 <sup>st</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 at Schmeckle Reserve Center, Stevens Point, WI if available.
<b>ACTION</b>	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	
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**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	No issues addressed.
<b>ACTION</b>	

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>2:00pm, Rick Knutson-first, Mike Arrowood-second. Motion Carried.</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Staush Gruszynski and Al Brown</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>8.24.2013</b>